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Upcoming Events

July 3

Independence Day Observed
OFFICE CLOSED

July 14

Board Meeting - 8 a.m.

July 17

Friday in the Park

July 21-22

Experience Earth Day Camp

August 3

Composting Workshop

August 18

Board Meeting - 8 a.m.

August 27

Annual Meeting & Banquet

September 7

Labor Day
OFFICE CLOSED

September 15

Board Meeting - 8 a.m.

October 12

Columbus Day
OFFICE CLOSED

October 20

Board Meeting - 8 a.m.

2020 Annual Meeting & Banquet

Please join us for the Pickaway SWCD's 76th Annual Meeting & Banquet on Thursday, August 27 at Emmett Chapel.

We hope to see you there!

Date & Time

August 27, 2020

Supervisor Election 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner & Meeting 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Location

Emmett Chapel

318 Tarlton Road, Circleville, OH 43113

Tickets \$15

Reservations due August 19

Return the order form on page 2 with payment via mail or purchase tickets at our office by August 19

Menu

Baked steak or baked chicken, mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, tossed green salad, rolls, dessert & refreshments

Catered by Emmett Chapel UMC Women's Society

Evening Events

Supervisor Election

Education & Outreach Displays

Dinner

Awards & Recognitions

Ticket Raffle

Pickaway SWCD Board of Supervisors

Election Notice and Procedures

Five county residents serve as supervisors on the Pickaway SWCD Board. Each supervisor serves a three-year term and may run for re-election at the end of their term. Current board members are: Steve Hawkins (resigned as of 6/8/2020), chair; Matt Anderson, vice chair; Barbara Martindale, secretary; Bill Black, treasurer/fiscal agent; and Clyde Ohnewehr, member. The Board of Supervisors guide the staff and partnering agencies in efforts to implement conservation programs which address management and conservation of soil, water and related resources.

Bill Black and Jonathan Lohstroh have accepted the nomination to run for the Pickaway SWCD Board of Supervisors. The two elected supervisors will begin their term January 1, 2021. The Pickaway SWCD Annual Supervisor Election will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2020. Voters will have the opportunity to cast their vote in the privacy of a booth at Emmett Chapel, 318 Tarlton Road, Circleville, OH 43113 . Voters do not have to attend the meeting to cast a vote. Results of the election will be announced during the evening's program.

Firms, Corporations, LLC's, trusts and non-residents that own land or occupy land in Pickaway County must provide an affidavit of their eligibility, which includes designation of a voting representative, prior to casting a ballot. Affidavit forms are available at the District office and on the District's website.

There are three (3) ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot:

- 1. Absentee Voting** - Absentee voting is available from [July 15, 2020 through August 27, 2020](#). Residents wishing to vote absentee may request a ballot application and ballot from Pickaway SWCD by any of the following:
 - Mail - 110 Island Road, Suite D, Circleville, OH 43113
 - Email - katerina-sharp@pickawayswcd.org
 - Phone - 740-477-1693
 - In person at the SWCD office (8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.)

Upon request for the absentee voting, the SWCD will provide a ballot application, election ballot, and ballot envelope to the absentee voter. Absentee ballots must be returned to the SWCD office by 3:00 p.m. on August 27, 2020.

- 2. In Person Voting at the Office** - Voting may take place at the Pickaway SWCD office from [August 14, 2020 through August 27, 2020](#). Voting may take place from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on all days except August 27, when in person voting at the office will end at 3:00 p.m.

- 3. In Person Voting at the Annual Meeting & Banquet** - Voting may take place at the Annual Meeting & Banquet located at Emmett Chapel, 318 Tarlton Road, Circleville, OH 43113 on [August 27, 2020](#) from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Voters May Vote for Two (2) Candidates

Meet the Candidates

Bill Black

Bill Black lives in Harrison Township with his wife, Lynn, where he farms approximately 1,300 acres of no-till or minimum till soybeans, wheat and corn with his dad, Bob Black, and son, Ross. Bill and Lynn have two children, Sydney and Ross.

Bill is currently the Treasurer and Fiscal Agent of the Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, where he has served as a supervisor on the Pickaway SWCD Board for the past 20 years. He is also the Treasurer of the Area 5 SWCD Board of Directors. The Area 5 Board of Directors is instrumental in making decisions on policy and procedures to better guide the 17 Area SWCDs in their effort to serve their customers.

Bill has been a 4-H Advisor in Pickaway County for the past 12 years. He is also the President of the Teays Valley Young Farmers Club.



Jonathan Lohstroh

Jonathan Lohstroh grew up in Madison County next to Deer Creek. He was heavily involved in 4-H and FFA growing up, and graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor's degree in Agribusiness and a minor in Animal Sciences. After graduation, he began farming full time with his dad in Pickaway and Madison Counties.

“As a corn and soybean farmer, soil and water conservation is at the heart of our operation and has become a passion of our family to integrate new conservation methods into our farm,” said Jonathan. “Like other farm families, I want to help preserve the land for the next generation.”

Jonathan is a member of Farm Bureau in Pickaway County, where he lives with his wife and kids. He also has experience with design and installation of farm drainage and the challenges and opportunities it presents to land owners and neighbors.



2020 Pickaway SWCD Annual Meeting & Banquet

Ticket Order Form due by August 19, 2020

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Number of Meal Choice: Baked Steak _____ Baked Chicken _____

Total Number of Tickets _____ **x \$15.00 = \$** _____

Mail this form with payment to Pickaway SWCD, 110 Island Rd. Suite D, Circleville, OH 43113

Please make checks payable to Pickaway SWCD.

Education & Outreach

Donald E. Minor Memorial Scholarship

The Donald E. Minor Scholarship was created by the Pickaway SWCD Board of Supervisors in memory of Donald E. Minor, Sr. and his 25 years of service to the board and community. Mr. Minor began as a supervisor in 1985 and served on the board until he passed in October 2010. Funds from the scholarship are currently accumulated from Affiliate Memberships and Pumpkin Show parking lot fees. The award is available to any Pickaway County High School or Home School Senior who will be majoring in Agriculture or Natural Resources. The scholarships are for the purpose of continuing higher education at a two- or four-year college or university.

Our fifth annual Donald E. Minor Memorial Scholarship was presented to four deserving students here in Pickaway County. Our office awarded Alexis Henry, Courtney Thomas and Caroline Winter of Teays Valley High School and Riley Minor of Westfall High School each with a \$500 scholarship.

Alexis Henry plans to attend The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute in the fall, where she will be pursuing a degree in Environmental Science and Natural Resources. In her school, Alexis has been involved in FFA, German Club, National Foreign Language Honors Society, National Honor Society and is a mentor for the STEM club. In her community, Alexis is a member of Pickaway County Junior Fairboard, Trinity Lutheran Church, is the 2019 Pickaway County Junior Fair Queen First Attendant, and is also the 2019 Miss Ashville 4th of July.



Alexis Henry

Courtney Thomas plans to pursue a degree in Animal Sciences and Agriculture from Wilmington College this coming fall. She is a 13 year member of her 4-H club, has served on the Junior Fairboard, and is member of the TV Band Program, French Club, National Honor Society, and French Honor Society.



Courtney Thomas

Caroline Winters plans to attend the University of Findlay to pursue a degree in Pre-Veterinary Science. She is a member of her school's FFA Chapter and Cross Country team, and is also a 4-H member.

Riley Minor plans to pursue a degree in Ag Engineering and Agronomy from either Columbus State or Ohio State. He is a member of Pickaway County 4-H, National Honor Society, Westfall FFA, Diabolos Rifle Team, and Trinity Lutheran Church. Riley has also been involved in the following athletics: cross country, track, baseball, soccer, skiing, and mountain biking.

We wish all four of these scholarship recipients the best of luck on furthering their education and becoming further involved in the agricultural, environmental and natural resources industries! While we were not able to award them their scholarships in person this year, a couple of our scholarship winners sent us photos of themselves with their certificates. Thank you, ladies!

Any upcoming 2021 Pickaway County High School or Home School Seniors should check with school counselors and on our website in the Spring of 2021 for an application.

Education & Outreach

Pickaway County Fair

Pickaway SWCD had the opportunity to bring our augmented reality sandbox to the fair again this year! The sandbox is a perfect tool for learning about water flow, erosion, watersheds, changing landscape, and much more.

We also set up the soil tunnel for the Cloverbud activity Monday morning. Youth explored the tunnel to learn about some of the things in the ground, right below our feet!



Visit the Photo Gallery on our website to view more photos!



Friday in the Park

The "Friday in the Park" summer program is designed for youth from pre-school through 5th grade. This FREE event has crafts, games, exercise and education. It offers several activity areas that are developed around a theme for each Friday. Pickaway SWCD, OSU Extension, Parks District, and Solid Waste District will be partnering up again this year to provide activities for our Friday, which will be **July 17** from **10-11:30 a.m.** at **Mary Virginia Crites-Hannan Park**, 1230 Pontius Road. Please contact Brenda Short at 740-477-8224 if you and your children need transportation. Children should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Experience Earth Camp

Pickaway County Students Entering **3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th Grades**

July 21 & 22 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day

Location: Pickaway Sportsmen, Inc.
8100 US-22, Circleville, OH 43113

Activities include hiking, fishing, STEM activities, archery & more!

\$20 per student | cash or check (made out to Pickaway SWCD)

Please bring a packed lunch!

Registration forms on website: pickawayswcd.org/experience-earth-camp
Pre-registration required | **due July 10**

To register or with questions, contact Katerina Sharp, Pickaway SWCD
katerina-sharp@pickawayswcd.org or 740-477-1693

Hosted by Pickaway SWCD, Pickaway County Park District, RPHF Solid Waste District



Composting Workshop

Pickaway SWCD, Pickaway County Parks District, and RPHF Solid Waste District will be partnering to host a Composting Workshop on August 3, 2020 from 6-8 p.m. at the Pickaway Agriculture and Event Center. Cost is \$5 per adult and youth 12 & under are FREE. More information and tickets can be found at: <http://bit.ly/2xatFRs>

Technical Corner

Only Rain Down the Drains and Ditches

Do you ever notice the storm drains and grassed ditches along the side of the street as you're driving? When it rains, water running off our roofs, driveways, sidewalks, and parking lots into our streets is directed into these drains and ditches and begins its journey to the nearest waterway. Often this is a direct journey, with the water running straight to a river or stream. Stormwater picks up oil, other automobile fluids, trash, fertilizer and other pollutants, and in many areas is discharged untreated into our streams. Even when this water passes through a pond or other stormwater feature, pollutants are not entirely removed and still make their way to our waterways.

We swim, wade, kayak and fish in these rivers and streams. Moreover, people rely on water from these water bodies for their drinking water. The vast majority of people in the Columbus metropolitan area, for example, drink water taken from rivers and streams. The more pollutants that go into our streams, the more money we have to spend to clean the water for drinking. Reducing pollution is everyone's job. Keeping stormwater from polluting our streams depends on all of us. Only rain should go down a storm drain or a ditch.

What can we do to help prevent water pollution?

- Sweep grass clippings and lawn care products back onto the lawn.
- Pick up trash.
- Absorb and clean up auto fluid spills, and fix leaking automobiles.
- Use drip pans to catch engine oil and other pollutants while repairing cars.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Sweep driveways clean instead of hosing them down (if you live in town).
- Don't dump waste into storm drains or ditches.
- Water your lawn by hand, or adjusted sprinklers to avoid over-watering. If any water flows off your lawn, you're using too much water.



NRCS Updates

Proper Management of CRP Grass Cover

In the past, aesthetic mowing of CRP grass cover was a widely accepted practice by many participants. Today with more research and understanding, it has been shown that properly managed grass cover will reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, and is more beneficial to wildlife than annually mowed grass covers.

Wildlife, especially grassland birds including pheasants and quail, and pollinators, such as bees and butterflies, view properly managed CRP cover as a source of food and habitat suitable to raise their young. Wildlife will not be attracted to CRP cover if plants are not allowed to mature. Game birds and bees are disappearing because of habitat loss.

Properly managed grass cover does not include noxious weeds such as thistle and teasel or woody species like trees and multiflora rose. These noxious weeds must be controlled. This can be done in several ways. Mowing of CRP cover, not to exceed 20% of the total CRP acres in a field, is permitted. This activity must be included in your conservation plan and be conducted outside of Ohio's primary nesting season (March 1st – July 15th). The location of this mowing shall be changed from year to year. Another option to control noxious weeds is by spot mowing affected areas or spot spraying of an approved herbicide. These treatments will have a minimal effect on the CRP practice cover's ability to meet the purposes of erosion control, water quality, and wildlife habitat.

Unauthorized disturbance of CRP cover is considered a violation of the terms and conditions of the CRP contract and conservation plan. Violations could potentially result in hefty penalties including contract termination and refund of all contract related payments.

Properly maintained CRP cover can be very attractive if noxious weeds and invasive species are controlled and grasses and wildflowers are allowed to mature. Please scout your CRP fields before weeds go to seed. Contact your local FSA office for permission to spot treat your CRP grass cover during Ohio's primary nesting season (March 1st – July 15th). Plan to have your CRP cover assessed for the need of mid-contract management activities that are designed to enhance your CRP cover for wildlife. Mid-contract management is a contractual obligation that is outlined in your CRP-1 Appendix and conservation plan. Contact your USDA County office for more information on proper maintenance and management of CRP practice cover. The number for Pickaway County is 740-477-1691.



Newsletter Ads for Affiliate Members

Beginning 2021, we will offer business card sized ad space in our newsletter to any affiliate member who is a Corporate (\$250) or Steward of the Land (\$100) level. Our annual affiliate membership program sign up runs each year from January 1 through March 20. Information for this is included in our January Newsletter and eNewsletter, and the information is also on our website. Anyone who signs up for a Corporate or Steward of the Land affiliate membership the beginning of 2021, and who would like an ad included in our subsequent April, July, October & January newsletters, can send us a business card with their affiliate membership sign up. Please look for the form in January. Thank you!

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Steve Hawkins (resigned as of 6/8/2020), Chairman;
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Bill Black, Treasurer & Fiscal Agent; Clyde Ohnewehr, Member

Pickaway County Agencies-Phone Numbers

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| Farm Service Agency | 740-477-1691 |
| Pickaway County Commissioners | 740-474-6093 |
| Jason Van Houten-ODNR Service Forester | 614-265-6703 |

Affiliate Members

Corporate Members

The Savings Bank, Pickaway County Farm Bureau,
Richard & Judy Clifton, Honeyrun Farms,
Columbus Turf Nursery-Daniel Huggett,
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| Pickaway County Engineer | 740-474-3360 |
| Division 1 ODNR | 614-644-3925 |